

THE SUM.

A little dreaming by the way,
A little toiling day by day,
A little pain, a little strife,
A little joy—and that is life.

A short lived, fleeting summer's morn
When happiness seems newly born,
When one day's sky is blue above,
And one bird sings—and that is love.

A little wearying of the years,
The tribute of a few hot tears,
Two folded hands, the fainting breath,
And peace at last—and that is death.

Just dreaming, loving, dying, so
The actors in the drama go;
A fitting picture on a wall,
Love, death, the theme! But is it all?

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR.

Badly Injured.

Manning Austin, one of the head railway mail clerks between Atlanta and Charlotte and one of the best men in the service, received a very painful and serious injury yesterday while on his run from Charlotte to this city.

He was on the vestibule and while the train was running at a high rate of speed over an uneven section of the road Mr. Austin attempted to carry a very heavy bag of mail, and as the train passed over a sharp curve the lurch of the car threw Mr. Austin and the wrench sustained in falling severely injured his spine.

Mr. Austin was unable to walk after the fall, and when the vestibule arrived here at 4 o'clock he was carried to his home in a serious if not critical condition.

Mr. Austin is a young married man and one of the most efficient men in the railway mail service. A few years ago he won the Wanamaker medal for the best examination in the division.—Atlanta Journal 11th instant.

The Prosperity Wave in New England.

There was a representative meeting of fifty five Textile Unions of New England in Boston last Sunday. President Gompers had recommended the different labor Unions to unite on some settled policy regarding the mill situation in New England. It will be remembered that many of the mills made a 10-per cent. cut in wages the middle of January and there was a quiet strike on the part of the operatives of many mills. They have been out since that date. The meeting was in session four hours. Its primary object was to devise some method of rendering necessary assistance to the New Bedford strikers. It was believed that if these strikers could hold out four weeks longer with a little help that other operatives would fall in line and the mill men would be forced to make terms. The action of this meeting will be reported to the various Unions for their action.

Special Legislation.

When one considers the work of the Legislature, it is evident that there is too much special legislation. In the dispensary bills offered several counties ask to be excepted from certain provisions. The same law as to the sale of alcoholic drinks should prevail in all the counties. It would be a source of constant dissatisfaction if one county should have high license, another the dispensary and a third prohibition. There are very few cases in which special legislation should prevail. What is true of the State is true of the Federal Government. Senator Tillman pushed his special dispensary bill through the Senate which would have given this State certain privileges not possessed by others. The committee did right to report unfavorably on this measure. Laws should bear equally on all counties in a State and all States in the Union.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 10.—Judge Newman, of the United States court to-day granted a temporary injunction against J. C. Mayfield, to prevent him from selling cotton seed under the firm name of the Jackson African Limbless Cotton company. The Jackson limbless firm brought the case into the courts. The firm alleges that Mayfield has been doing a big business under their name.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The DeLome incident is still unsettled. The cipher dispatch received from Minister Woodford was not entirely satisfactory. It was taken to the president by Assistant Secretary Day, and at a short conference between them Mr. Day sent another cablegram to Minister Woodford.

John Kammer, a merchant in Lexington County, shot and killed a negro by the name of Lewis Davis and wounded his brother Sid Davis. The coroner's jury pronounced it felonious homicide. If Kammer has money it will be shown that it was a case of self-defense.

Washington, Feb. 14.—State department officials today officially denied reports alleging the General Fitzhugh Lee, consul-general to Cuba, has tendered his resignation.

THE CACKLING HEN.

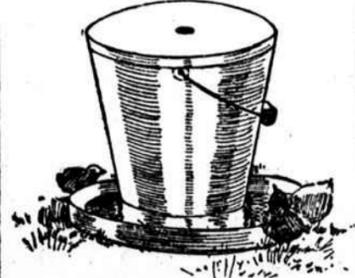
Quite as Much Truth as Poetry in This Little Lay.

We have read of Maud on a summer day who raked, barefooted, the new mown hay; we have read of the maid in the early morn who milked the cow with the crumpled horn, and we've read the lays that the poets sing of the rustling corn and the flowers of spring, but of all the lays of tongue or pen there's naught like the lays of the Iowa hen. Long, long before Maud raked her hay the Iowa hen had begun to lay, and ere the milkmaid stirs a peg the hen is up and has dropped her egg. The corn must rustle and flowers must spring if they hold their own with the barnyard ring. If Maud is needing a hat and gown, she doesn't hustle her hay to town; she goes to the store and obtains her suit with a basketful of fresh hen fruit. If the milkmaid's bean makes a Sunday call, she doesn't feed him on milk at all, but works up eggs in a custard pie and stuffs him full of a chicken fry, and when the old man wants a horn does he take the druggist a load of corn? Not much. He simply robs a nest and to town he goes—you know the rest. He lingers there and he talks perchance of true reform and correct finance, while his poor wife stays at home and scowls, and is saved from want by those selfsame fowls, for while the husband lingers there she watches the cackling hen with care and gathers eggs, and eggs she'll hide till she gets enough to stem the tide. Then hail, all hail, to the Iowa hen, the greatest blessing of all to men. Throw up your hats and make Rome howl for the persevering barnyard fowl! Corn may be king, but 'tis plainly seen that the Iowa hen is the Iowa queen.—Cincinnati Tribune-Journal.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

Convenient Device Invented by a Vermont Farmer.

Not every farmer is supplied with running streams where the poultry can get good water when they want it, especially the young chickens, turkeys and goslings. I bought several three gallon galvanized pails for 17 cents each and some small pans for 10 cents, writes a Vermonter to The Orange Judd Farmer. A small hole was made in the bottom



FOUNTAIN FOR CHICKENS.

of each pail, which was then filled with water and set in the middle of a shallow pan. A board cover was placed on top.

You ought to have seen how much the chickens and goslings enjoyed this good drinking fountain. Do not get the pan too large. A space of one and one-half inches below the pail and the outside of the pan is sufficient. This allows plenty of room for drinking, but the young birds cannot get into the water and foul it. Care should be taken to have the hole in the bottom of the pail quite small. The opening made by the point of an awl or small nail is large enough. I fill one of these fountains twice a day for 60 goslings.

Black Minorca Fowls.

This breed is not as well known among the farmers as it should be. They are an ideal egg machine and are large enough to pay to raise as a meat breed. They are away ahead of the Leghorns in size, and I believe will lay as many eggs in a year, and the egg is a great deal larger. Our storekeeper says the largest eggs he gets come from a person who has Minorca hens. They are pure white, and if kept clean are most handsome eggs. Any one living near a city who had Minorcas and would look up private customers and always take them clean fresh eggs could easily build up a trade for all he could produce at quite an advance over storekeepers' prices. There are always plenty who are willing to pay a good price for an article that they can depend on, and it pays to cater to their wants.—Breeder's Gazette.

Cats in the Poultry Yard.

A well known Massachusetts poultry breeder says for more than ten years he has had from four to six cats about his poultry yards, and having been brought up among chickens they never trouble them, but are of great service in killing or driving away the rats and mice that would do much damage in stealing the grain, as well as stealing the chickens themselves if they had a chance.

Midwinter Poultry Notes.

Kerosene roosts, upper and under side, every week.

Do not give ice cold water to your flock early in the morning.

Feed plenty of whole corn at night when the weather is extremely cold.

Hens should now be laying well, and eggs command a high price. Keep your layers busy. An idle hen is a poor egg producer.

Feed plenty of green food and keep the shell box filled. Meat three times a week will help to stimulate your hens to better egg records.

This is a good time to replace the old, wornout and filthy litter with clean, fresh straw. Wait for a mild, pleasant, sunny day, and then have a thorough airing and housecleaning.

Delinquent Tax Sale.

By virtue of a warrant of execution for delinquent taxes to me directed by County Treasurer W. L. Epps, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction before the Court House in the city of Spartanburg, S. C., on the first Monday in March next, the following described property, to wit: One gray mare named Cora, one bay horse named Jim, one black cow, one Fischer piano nearly new, one wagon, one phaeton and harness, one top buggy and harness, all my household and kitchen furniture and six bureaus, including five bedroom sets, to be sold as the property of W. S. Thomason, all of which has been levied upon and to be sold as the property of the above named defaulting taxpayer, to pay all taxes assessed thereon together with all costs and penalties.

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